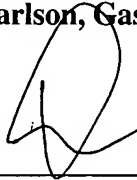


REMARKS

Applicant has preliminary amended the specification. Examination on the merits is now requested.

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